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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) EP Patent No. 1 138 743;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,496,582;
- (3) DE Patent No. 31 21 491;
- (4) International Publication No. WO 99/37836;
- (5) DE Patent No. 31 21 523;
- (6) DE Patent No. 41 26 051;
- (7) DE Patent No. 197 08 543; and
- (8) DE Patent No. 101 34 977.

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The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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